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Hacienda Heights Basketball Coach Sentenced for Sexual Relations with Teen

A Hacienda Heights basketball coach was sentenced to two years in state prison today for having sexual relations with a 14-year-old female student, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Terrence Lee (dob 1/28/88) of La Habra Heights also was issued a 10-year, stay-away protective order for the victim and must register as a sex offender. He pleaded no contest on May 18 to one felony count of oral copulation of a person under 16 in a negotiated plea agreement.

At the time of the crime, Lee was the basketball coach at Cedarlane Academy in Hacienda Heights. He began a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old female student in April 2017 that continued for about two months, according to court testimony.

The crime was discovered when the girl's family member found text messages between Lee and the victim on a phone that he had provided her, according to court testimony.

Deputy District Attorney Brendan Gibson of the Victim Impact Program prosecuted case KA115589.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau investigated the case.

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